



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Telecommunications and**  
**Information Administration**  
Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Joseph Uchill  
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RE: NTIA FOIA 018-024

Dear Mr. Uchill:

On February 20, 2018, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Office of the Chief Counsel, received your request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as amended (5 U.S.C. § 552). The original request received via email was dated Feb. 16, 2018. Thereafter, on February 21, 2018, NTIA received two additional requests via the mail that were nearly identical to the first and which sought for the same records from additional NTIA offices.

On February 20, 2018, acknowledged receipt and sought clarification of the original FOIA. NTIA followed up this request with an email on February 28, 2018 noting that we had not received a response to the clarification request. Then on March 7, 2018, NTIA received your clarification modifying the request. NTIA accepted these changes and notified you that we had consolidated the three FOIAs into one. You acknowledged this change in a fax that NTIA received on March 12, 2018.

The following is your modified and consolidated request combining the three requests:

- All email chains to or from personnel from NTIA's Office of Spectrum Management (OSM), Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications (OTIA), Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) and Office of Policy Analysis and Development (OPAD) between September 1, 2017 and February 20, 2018 mentioning the following:
  1. "Secure 5g"
  2. "5G and Highway"
  3. "5G" and "Eisenhower"
  4. "5G" and any of "Nationalize," "Nationalized" or "Nationalizing"
  5. "5G" and "China"
  6. "5G" and "Huawei"
- Any email chain with an email containing from September 1, 2017 to February 20, 2018:
  1. An attached presentation containing the phrase "The Eisenhower National Highway System for the Information Age"
  2. An attached document containing the phrase "the Gutenberg Press."

On March 20, 2018, NTIA provided you with a fee estimate in the amount of \$3319.83 for an estimated 675 files responsive to this request. On April 9, 2018, you filed another duplicate request in this matter. NTIA notified you that it was closing this additional duplicate FOIA and consolidating it with this original request. On April 17, 2018, you sent a status request via fax. NTIA responded via the email box provided on April 18, 2018 with a status of the request and attached the March 20, 2018 fee estimate letter. To date, NTIA has not received a response to the fee estimate letter.

Should you wish to proceed without modifying your request, please remit the estimated total fee of \$3319.83. A check should be made out to the "U.S. Department of the Treasury." Once NTIA receives your payment, we will begin the search and processing of documents responsive to this request. The check should be sent to:

National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
Office of the Chief Counsel  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 4713  
Washington, DC 20230

If, however, NTIA does not hear from you further, NTIA will close this FOIA within seven days of the date of this letter. If you have any questions regarding the processing of your request, please contact Stacy Cheney, Senior Attorney Advisor, at 202-482-1864 or via email at [scheney@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:scheney@ntia.doc.gov).

Sincerely,



Kathy D. Smith  
Chief Counsel